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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1592

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1592 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 35 and 38 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/35)

7 Sec. 35. Monetary award program.

8 (a) The Commission shall, each year, receive and consider
9 applications for grant assistance under this Section. Subject
10 to a separate appropriation for such purposes, an applicant is
11 eligible for a grant under this Section when the Commission
12 finds that the applicant:

13 (1) is a resident of this State and a citizen or
14 permanent resident of the United States; and

15 (2) in the absence of grant assistance, will be
16 deterred by financial considerations from completing an

1 educational program at the qualified institution of his or
2 her choice.

3 (b) The Commission shall award renewals only upon the
4 student's application and upon the Commission's finding that
5 the applicant:

6 (1) has remained a student in good standing;

7 (2) remains a resident of this State; and

8 (3) is in a financial situation that continues to
9 warrant assistance.

10 However, if a recipient of a grant under this Section is not
11 permitted to continue attending an institution because he or
12 she is not earning the minimum grades needed to continue to
13 attend the institution, then that person may not receive a
14 grant under this Section during the following academic year.
15 The Commission may adopt any rules necessary for the
16 enforcement of this prohibition.

17 (c) All grants shall be applicable only to tuition and
18 necessary fee costs. The Commission shall determine the grant
19 amount for each student, which shall not exceed the smallest of
20 the following amounts:

21 (1) subject to appropriation, \$5,468 for fiscal year
22 2009, \$5,968 for fiscal year 2010, and \$6,468 for fiscal
23 year 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter, or such lesser
24 amount as the Commission finds to be available, during an
25 academic year;

26 (2) the amount which equals 2 semesters or 3 quarters

1 tuition and other necessary fees required generally by the
2 institution of all full-time undergraduate students; or

3 (3) such amount as the Commission finds to be
4 appropriate in view of the applicant's financial
5 resources.

6 Subject to appropriation, the maximum grant amount for
7 students not subject to subdivision (1) of this subsection (c)
8 must be increased by the same percentage as any increase made
9 by law to the maximum grant amount under subdivision (1) of
10 this subsection (c).

11 "Tuition and other necessary fees" as used in this Section
12 include the customary charge for instruction and use of
13 facilities in general, and the additional fixed fees charged
14 for specified purposes, which are required generally of
15 nongrant recipients for each academic period for which the
16 grant applicant actually enrolls, but do not include fees
17 payable only once or breakage fees and other contingent
18 deposits which are refundable in whole or in part. The
19 Commission may prescribe, by rule not inconsistent with this
20 Section, detailed provisions concerning the computation of
21 tuition and other necessary fees.

22 (d) No applicant, including those presently receiving
23 scholarship assistance under this Act, is eligible for monetary
24 award program consideration under this Act after receiving a
25 baccalaureate degree or the equivalent of 135 semester credit
26 hours of award payments.

1 (e) The Commission, in determining the number of grants to
2 be offered, shall take into consideration past experience with
3 the rate of grant funds unclaimed by recipients. The Commission
4 shall notify applicants that grant assistance is contingent
5 upon the availability of appropriated funds.

6 The Commission shall request that the Illinois Association
7 of Student Financial Aid Administrators, or a committee
8 designated by this association from among its membership, make
9 recommendations on possible changes to how the Commission
10 determines the number of grants to be offered and to whom they
11 are offered.

12 (f) The Commission may request appropriations for deposit
13 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund. Monies deposited
14 into the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund may be expended
15 exclusively for one purpose: to make Monetary Award Program
16 grants to eligible students. Amounts on deposit in the Monetary
17 Award Program Reserve Fund may not exceed 2% of the current
18 annual State appropriation for the Monetary Award Program.

19 The purpose of the Monetary Award Program Reserve Fund is
20 to enable the Commission each year to assure as many students
21 as possible of their eligibility for a Monetary Award Program
22 grant and to do so before commencement of the academic year.
23 Moneys deposited in this Reserve Fund are intended to enhance
24 the Commission's management of the Monetary Award Program,
25 minimizing the necessity, magnitude, and frequency of
26 adjusting award amounts and ensuring that the annual Monetary

1 Award Program appropriation can be fully utilized.

2 (g) The Commission shall determine the eligibility of and
3 make grants to applicants enrolled at qualified for-profit
4 institutions in accordance with the criteria set forth in this
5 Section. The eligibility of applicants enrolled at such
6 for-profit institutions shall be limited as follows:

7 (1) Beginning with the academic year 1997, only to
8 eligible first-time freshmen and first-time transfer
9 students who have attained an associate degree.

10 (2) Beginning with the academic year 1998, only to
11 eligible freshmen students, transfer students who have
12 attained an associate degree, and students who receive a
13 grant under paragraph (1) for the academic year 1997 and
14 whose grants are being renewed for the academic year 1998.

15 (3) Beginning with the academic year 1999, to all
16 eligible students.

17 (Source: P.A. 95-917, eff. 8-26-08.)

18 (110 ILCS 947/38)

19 Sec. 38. Monetary award program accountability.

20 (a) The Illinois Student Assistance Commission is directed
21 to assess the educational persistence of monetary award program
22 recipients. An assessment under this Section shall include an
23 analysis of such factors as undergraduate educational goals,
24 chosen field of study, retention rates, and expected time to
25 complete a degree. The assessment also shall include an

1 analysis of the academic success of monetary award program
2 recipients through a review of measures that are typically
3 associated with academic success, such as grade point average,
4 satisfactory academic progress, and credit hours earned. Each
5 analysis should take into consideration student class level,
6 dependency types, and the type of higher education institution
7 at which each monetary award program recipient is enrolled. The
8 Commission shall report its findings to the General Assembly
9 and the Board of Higher Education by February 1, 1999 and at
10 least every 2 years thereafter.

11 (b) To demonstrate the value of the monetary award program
12 and determine where improvements could be made, institutions
13 shall provide information concerning grant recipients to the
14 Commission if requested, including without limitation the
15 following:

16 (1) Completion and graduation rates.

17 (2) Courses attempted versus courses completed.

18 (3) The number of remedial courses undertaken, the
19 names of these courses, and the success rate of these
20 courses.

21 (4) Chosen fields of study.

22 (5) The receipt of institutional financial aid, how
23 much of that aid is merit-only aid, how much is need-based
24 aid, and how this aid dovetails with State and federal
25 financial aid.

26 The Commission may consult with the Illinois Association of

1 Student Financial Aid Administrators to develop guidelines for
2 the information to be provided under this subsection (b).

3 Each year, the Commission shall compile the information
4 provided under this subsection (b) in a report to be submitted
5 to the General Assembly and the Governor.

6 (Source: P.A. 90-486, eff. 8-17-97; 90-488, eff. 8-17-97.)".